



Remediation Fund

The Dry Cleaning Establishment Remediation Fund is administered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). This program provides grants to eligible dry cleaning business operators for the containment or clean-up of pollution resulting from releases of perc, Stoddard solvent, or other chemicals used for dry cleaning to the environment. The grants may also be used for measures undertaken to prevent such pollution, and for providing drinking water when necessary.

Eligibility Requirements

- .. The applicant for remediation funds must:
 - Be current in filing any state and federal taxes and the dry cleaning establishment surcharge returns imposed by CGS Section 12-263m.
 - Prove that the affected establishment is using or has previously used perc or Stoddard solvent.
 - Be in business at least one year prior to the application for assistance.
 - Prove that you cannot obtain conventional financing on reasonable terms or in reasonable amounts from at least two banks.
 - Be the current operator of the establishment.
 - Certify that there are no outstanding litigation proceedings involving the applicant and/or his/her representatives.
 - Identify the responsible party to complete the site investigation and remediation and the funding source to complete the project for costs over and above approved state funding.

Evaluation Criteria

- .. Grant applications are evaluated based on the following:
 - Risk to public health,
 - Magnitude of the problem,
 - Effectiveness of proposal (cost and environmental effectiveness),
 - Date of application, and
 - Availability of funds.

Grant Size Restriction

- No dry cleaning establishment shall receive more than \$50,000 from the fund in a given calendar year.
- If a dry cleaning establishment initially reported a release to the Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) Commissioner before December 31, 1990, the applicant must bear the first \$20,000 in costs for a given project.
- All other dry cleaning establishments are to bear the first \$10,000 in costs for a given project.
- Applicants can apply for funds once per year.

Length of Project

Maximum eligible project length is three years. Applicants may get maximum state funding up to \$150,000 over three-year period.

How to Apply

To apply for a remediation grant, contact the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).



- .. **Program Manager**- Dimple Desai at (860) 270-8151, or
- .. **Project Engineer**– Teresa Hanlon at (860) 270-8213, or
- .. **DTC, Environmental Project Managers**-Rich Hathaway/Chris Koelle at (203) 239-4200.

- Applications are invited twice a year.
- **Application Deadlines are the last Friday of March and August by NOON.**

To print copies of Guidelines and Eligibility Requirements; Instructions and Application; Project Financing Plan and Budget and other materials, please visit the DECD web page at www.ct.gov/ecd/cwp/view.asp?a=1101&q=249816.

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